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SUBJECT: DANISH PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN'S CALLS IN WASHINGTON

REF: COPENHAGEN 3290 (NOTAL)

1. I UNDERSTAND THAT PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN WILL BE
RECEIVED AT LUNCH IN THE DEPARTMENT. IN ADDITION TO POINTS
MADE REFTEL, PERHAPS THE FOLLOWING WOULD BE USEFUL

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BACKGROUND.

2. JORGENSEN IS NOT NOTED AS AN ECONOMIST. ECONOMIC MATTERS HE DISCUSSES WITH U.S. OFFICIALS SHOULD THEREFORE BE KEPT AS BROAD AND UNCOMPLICATED AS POSSIBLE.

3. FROM THE ECONOMIC POINT OF VIEW, A BASIC THOUGHT TO KEEP IN MIND IS THAT DESPITE DISPARITY IN SIZE AND RESOURCE ENDOWMENT, THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TWO NATIONS PARALLEL EACH OTHER TO A REMARKABLE DEGREE AND THE TWO CAN THEREFORE BE MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE INTERNATIONALLY.

4. THE FOLLOWING ARE AREAS WHERE DENMARK AND THE U.S. HAVE A HIGH DEGREE OF COMMON INTEREST, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE CERTAIN DIVERGENCIES ON HOW TO REACH PARTICULAR OBJECTIVES.

A. INTERNATIONAL TRADE - TRADITIONAL APPROACHES ARE VERY MUCH IN HARMONY. WE BOTH SUPPORT FREE TRADE, THE DANES BEING LESS AMBIVALENT THAN WE ARE. AS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL PARTICIPANTS IN CURRENT MTN, WE CAN BE OF GREAT USE TO THE DANES IN PUTTING FREE TRADE CONCEPTS ACROSS. THEY, IN TURN, CAN BE HELPFUL IN GETTING ANOTHER MAJOR PARTICIPANT, THE EC, TO ADOPT POINTS OF VIEW CONSISTENT WITH OURS (E.G., THE DANES TEND TO BE MORE REASONABLE ON AGRICULTURE THAN SOME OF THE OTHER EC MEMBERS).

ONE MINOR POINT OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND DENMARK IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AT THE MOMENT IS IRAN. THE U.S. OPPOSES A SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE EC AND IRAN; DENMARK FAVORS IT FOR IT HOPES TO GAIN SOME COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGE.

B. INTERNATIONAL FINANCE - BOTH THE U.S. AND DENMARK FAVOR A SMOOTHLY FUNCTIONING SYSTEM THAT MAKES POSSIBLE THE FREE FLOW OF COMMERCE. WITH RESPECT TO EXCHANGE RATES, HOWEVER, THE IDEAS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES SOMEWHAT DIVERGE. THE U.S. CURRENTLY THINKS IN TERMS OF PERPETUATING FLOATING RATES; THE DANES ARE CLOSER TO THE FRENCH VIEW OF BUILT-IN
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STABILITY.

C. AGRICULTURE - THE DANES, LIKE THE U.S., BELIEVE THAT AGRICULTURE SHOULD BE RATIONALLY ORGANIZED. AT LEAST SOME DANES WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE COMMON MARKET MODIFY EXISTING PRACTICES THAT SUPPORT UNECONOMIC AGRICULTURE AND ITS DISTORTIONS OF RESEOURCE ALLOCATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE. AS NOTED ABOVE, THE DANES

CAN BE HELPFUL IN RESOLVING THE AGRICULTURAL IMPASSE
IN THE MTN.

D. ENERGY - IF POSSIBLE, DENMARK IS EVEN MORE
EAGER THAN THE U.S. TO MAKE PROGRESS IN THE ENERGY
FIELD INASMUCH AS DENMARK RELIES ENTIRELY ON EXTERNAL
SUPPLIES. THEY HAVE BEEN OUR STRONG SUPPORTERS IN
THE IEA AND OTHER BODIES AND WITH MINOR DIFFERENCES ON
APPROACHES ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO BE SO.

E. FOREIGN AID - THIS IS ANOTHER AREA IN WHICH
THE TWO COUNTRIES GENERALLY SEE EYE-TO-EYE. AS A NORDIC
COUNTRY WITH LESS LIABILITIES IN THE THIRD WORLD THAN
WE HAVE, DENMARK IS IN A POSITION TO HELP US PROMOTE THE
KIND OF PROGRAM OUTLINED IN THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH DELIVERED
SEPTEMBER 1 AT THE UNGA SPECIAL ASSEMBLY.

4. JORGENSE IS VERY LIKELY TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN
NOV. 15-17 RAMBOUILLET SUMMIT MEETING AND DECEMBER PRODUCER-
CONSUMER MINISTERIAL, BOTH IN PARIS, AND WOULD BE
GRATIFIED TO LEARN SOMETHING OF U.S. INTENTIONS.

5. AS NOTED IN REFTEL, THE DANES, LIKE OTHER EURO-
PEANS, ARE CONCERNED ABOUT A POSSIBLE RISING TIDE OF
PROTECTIONISM IN THE U.S. THE WAY THE CANNED HAMS
ISSUE IS BEING RESOLVED (APPROX \$123 MILLION EXPORTS
TO THE US IN 1974) UNDOUBTEDLY GOES A LONG WAY TOWARD
ALLEVIATING DANISH FEARS. IF THE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN
WORKED OUT IN BRUSSELS BY THE TIME OF DANISH PM'S
VISIT TO WASHINGTON, HE SHOULD BE GIVEN THE DETAILS
SINCE THEY ARE IMPORTANT ON HIM DOMESTICALLY FOR POLITICAL
REASONS.

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